STATE OF NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY DIVISION OF MORTGAGE LENDING

In re:

Nevada corporation,

Respondent.

First Interstate Mortgage Corporation, a

AMENDED NOTICE OF INTENT TO REVOKE MORTGAGE BROKER LICENSE, NOTICE OF INTENT TO IMPOSE PENALTY, AND NOTICE OF RIGHT TO REQUEST HEARING

The licensing and regulation of mortgage brokers and mortgage agents in the State of Nevada is governed by Chapter 645B of the Nevada Revised Statutes (hereinafter "NRS") and Chapter 645B of the Nevada Administrative Code (hereinafter "NAC"). The State of Nevada, Department of Business and Industry, Division of Mortgage Lending (the "Division") has the general duty to exercise supervision and control over mortgage brokers and mortgage agents, as well as mortgage broker and mortgage agent activity. See, NRS 645B.060(1), NRS 645B.670 and NRS 645B.690. Pursuant to that authority, the Division makes the following Factual Allegations, Violations of Law, and Order:

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 1. Upon information and belief, First Interstate Mortgage Corporation (hereinafter "First Interstate") was incorporated in the State of Nevada on or about April 7, 2003. As of August 7, 2008, First Interstate's corporate status with the Nevada Secretary of State is dissolved.
- 2. On July 16, 2003, First Interstate was registered with the Financial Institutions Division (hereinafter "FID") and was subsequently licensed by the Division as a mortgage broker (License No. 544) pursuant to NRS 645B. First Interstate operated within the State of Nevada as a licensed mortgage broker until it failed to renew its license on June 30, 2007,

and closed on July 3, 2007. See NRS 645B.050(1). All factual allegations herein occurred while First Interstate held an active mortgage broker license. The Division currently classifies First Interstate's license as closed.

- 3. Pursuant to NRS 645B.740 "[t]he expiration or revocation of a license of a mortgage broker or mortgage agent by operation of law or by order or decision of the Commissioner or a court of competent jurisdiction, or the voluntary surrender of a license, does not: 1. Prohibit the Commissioner from initiating or continuing an investigation of, or action or disciplinary proceeding against, the mortgage broker or mortgage agent as authorized pursuant to the provisions of this chapter or the regulations adopted pursuant thereto; or 2. Prevent the imposition or collection of any fine or penalty authorized pursuant to the provisions of this chapter or the regulations adopted pursuant thereto against the mortgage broker or mortgage agent."
- 4. At all relevant times herein, First Interstate's principal office was located at 801S. Decatur, Las Vegas, Nevada 89107.
- 5. Based upon information and belief, and at all relevant times herein, Greg Navone (hereinafter "Navone") was the owner, president, secretary, treasurer, and a director of First Interstate from its incorporation until its dissolution.
- 6. Based upon information and belief, on November 4, 2004, Randall Bell (hereinafter "Bell") was licensed by the Division as a mortgage agent (License No. 27227) pursuant to NRS 645B and was affiliated with, or employed by, First Interstate from February 14, 2005 to March 14, 2006.
- 7. Based upon information and belief, on June 28, 2005 Sheila Stranahan aka Sheila M. Lombard (hereinafter "Stranahan") was licensed by the Division as a mortgage agent (License No. 31304) pursuant to NRS 645B. Stranahan was affiliated with, or employed by, First Interstate from October 27, 2005 to December 7, 2005.

- 8. Based upon information and belief, and at all relevant times herein mentioned, Jay Langner (hereinafter "Langner") was a real estate broker licensed by the California Department of Real Estate (License No. 01112665) and affiliated with, or employed by, Pacific Hills Realty located at 27352 Via Priorato, San Juan Capistrano, California 92675. Based upon information and belief, Langner has never been licensed by the Division as a mortgage agent or mortgage broker and Pacific Hills Realty has never been licensed by the Division as a mortgage broker.
- 9. Pursuant to NRS 645B.060, the Division is charged with conducting "such other examinations, periodic or special audits, investigations and hearings as may be necessary for the efficient administration of the laws of this State regarding mortgage brokers and mortgage agents...." See, NRS 645B.060(2)(e).
- 10. Pursuant to NRS 645B.060, the Division commenced an examination of First Interstate on March 14, 2006. During the examination, the Division discovered the following violations of laws and regulations:
- a. First Interstate conducted mortgage lending activities at an unlicensed branch office located at 851 S. Rampart, Las Vegas, Nevada, as evidenced by mortgage agents operating from this address, title company checks made payable to First Interstate sent to this address, and the existence of documents prepared or obtained at this address;
- b. First Interstate conducted mortgage lending activities at an unlicensed branch office located at 6396 McLeod, Suite 3, Las Vegas, Nevada, as evidenced by the existence of First Interstate loan documents at this address, and First Interstate mortgage agent Weaver's presence at this address;
- c. First Interstate failed to keep and maintain complete and suitable records of all mortgage transactions, as evidenced by nine (9) closed loan files for eighteen (18) loans, aggregating \$3,120,480.00, originated to AE and DE. These files were incomplete and failed

to include numerous documents contained in the title company's corresponding file;

- d. First Interstate failed to exercise reasonable supervision over the activities of its mortgage agents, who falsified information on several loan files, and failed to review both loans in process and completed loan files prior to submission to the title company for closing;
- (i) Specifically, the Division found substantial fraud in eighteen (18) loans to borrowers AE and DE closed by First Interstate mortgage agent Stranahan. The closed loan files contained "generic" 1003 forms which did not disclose other properties purchased by the borrowers and "generic" credit reports which did not disclose the borrowers' total debt obligations;
- (ii) The Division found substantial fraud in two (2) loans to RP originated by First Interstate mortgage agent Bell and unlicensed mortgage agent Langner, as evidenced by falsification of RP's employment and earnings, along with misrepresentation of the transaction as a primary residence purchase;
- e. First Interstate failed to implement and maintain safeguards to protect customer information in violation of the Gramm-Leach Bliley Act, 15 USC § 6801, et seq., as evidenced by the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department's seizure of forty (40) boxes of records containing sensitive information from First Interstate's trash dumpster at 801 S. Decatur.
- 11. Pursuant to NRS 645B.020(2), "[i]f a mortgage broker will conduct business at one or more branch offices within this State, the mortgage broker must apply for a license for each such branch office."
- 12. Pursuant to NRS 645B.400, "[a] person shall not act as or provide any of the services of a mortgage agent or otherwise engage in, carry on or hold himself or herself out as engaging in or carrying on the activities of a mortgage agent unless the person has a license as a mortgage agent issued pursuant to NRS 645B.410."

- 13. Pursuant to NRS 645B.450(2), "[a] mortgage broker shall not associate with or employ a person as a mortgage agent or authorize a person to be associated with the mortgage broker as a mortgage agent if the mortgage agent is not licensed with the Division..."
- 14. Pursuant to NRS 645B.460(1), "[a] mortgage broker shall exercise reasonable supervision over the activities of his mortgage agents...."
- 15. Pursuant to NRS 645B.080, "(e)ach mortgage broker shall keep and maintain at all times at each location where the mortgage broker conducts business in this state complete and suitable records of all mortgage transactions made by the mortgage broker at that location."
- 16. Pursuant to the Gramm-Leach Bliley Act, 15 USC § 6801, et seq., "each financial institution has an affirmative and continuing obligation to respect the privacy of its customers and to protect the security and confidentiality of those customers' nonpublic personal information" and "shall establish appropriate standards... relating to administrative, technical, and physical safeguards: 1. [T]o insure the security and confidentiality of customer records and information; 2. [T]o protect against any anticipated threats or hazards to the security or integrity of such records; and 3. [T]o protect against unauthorized access to or use of such records or information which could result in substantial harm or inconvenience to any customer."
- 17. Pursuant to NRS 645B.060(2)(c), the Division is charged with conducting "such investigations as may be necessary to determine whether any person has violated any provision of this chapter, a regulation adopted pursuant to this chapter or an order of the Commissioner...."
- 18. Pursuant to NRS 645B.670, as it existed at the time of the violations herein, "[f]or each violation committed by a mortgage broker, the Commissioner may impose upon

the mortgage broker an administrative fine of not more than \$10,000, may suspend, revoke or place conditions upon his license, or may do both, if the mortgage broker, whether or not acting as such...[i]s grossly negligent or incompetent in performing any act for which he is required to be licensed pursuant to the provisions of this chapter...[d]oes not conduct his business in accordance with law or has violated any provision of this chapter, a regulation adopted pursuant to this chapter or an order of the Commissioner...[h]as knowingly made or caused to be made to the Commissioner any false representation of material fact...[h]as engaged in any other conduct constituting a deceitful, fraudulent or dishonest business practice...(h)as failed to exercise reasonable supervision over the activities of a mortgage agent as required by NRS 645B.460. See, NRS 645B.670(2)(b), (c), (g), (o), (q).

VIOLATIONS OF LAW

After investigating this matter, the Division determined that:

- a. First Interstate conducted mortgage lending activities at unlicensed branch offices located at 851 S. Rampart, Las Vegas, Nevada, and 6396 McLeod, Suite 3, Las Vegas, Nevada in violation of NRS 645B.020(2);
- b. First Interstate associated with or employed unlicensed mortgage agent Jay Langner in violation of NRS 645B.450(2);
- c. First Interstate failed to exercise reasonable supervision over the activities of its mortgage agents in violation of NRS 645B.460(1);
- d. First Interstate failed to keep and maintain suitable records of all mortgage transactions in violation of NRS 645B.080;
- e. First Interstate failed to implement and maintain safeguards to protect the sensitive customer information contained in the forty (40) boxes of records that had been placed in the trash dumpster at 801 S. Decatur in violation of the Gramm-Leach Bliley Act, 15 USC § 6801, et seq; and

f. By the above-mentioned conduct, First Interstate engaged in conduct constituting a deceitful, fraudulent or dishonest business practice, in violation of NRS 645B.670(2)(o).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DIVISION HEREBY ORDERS, pursuant to NRS 645B.750, that upon written application to the Division within twenty (20) days of the date of this Order, Respondent shall be entitled to a hearing with regards to the contents of this Order referenced below. At that hearing the Division will seek:

- a. To revoke First Interstate's mortgage broker license for its violations of NRS 645B;
- b. The imposition of an administrative fine against Respondent in the amount of Forty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$40,000.00), payable to the Division on account of Respondent's violations of NRS 645B, as well as the Division's attorney's fees, if any, incurred herein, to be proven at the hearing; and
- c. Respondent's payment, in full, of the administrative fine, costs and fees to the Division within thirty (30) days of entry of the Final Order.

Should Respondent request a hearing, Respondent is advised of the following:

a) Respondent is entitled to be represented by legal counsel at its own cost and expense; b) At any hearing Respondent shall be entitled to respond and to present evidence and argument on all issues involved; c) Requests may be made to the Commissioner for the issuance of subpoenas; however, the Commissioner may request the proposed testimony of any such person prior to the issuance of the subpoena; and d) Unless precluded by law, the parties may agree to an informal resolution or settlement prior to any hearing.

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Should First Interstate not request a hearing within twenty (20) days of the date of this Order, the Division will enter a Final Order in this matter against First Interstate, as required by NRS 645B.750(2).

Dated this $29^{1/2}$ day of March, 2010.

State of Nevada Department of Business and Industry Division of Mortgage Lending

By: / nesh Willtuch
Joseph L. Waltuch, Commissioner

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE I certify that I am an employee of the State of Nevada, Department of Business and Industry, Division of Mortgage Lending, and that on , March 30, 2010, I deposited in the U.S. mail, postage prepaid via First Class Mail and Certified Return Receipt Requested, a true and correct copy of the foregoing, AMENDED NOTICE OF INTENT TO REVOKE MORTGAGE BROKER LICENSE, NOTICE OF INTENT TO IMPOSE PENALTY, AND NOTICE OF RIGHT TO REQUEST HEARING for FIRST INTERSTATE MORTGAGE CORPORATION, addressed as follows: Greg Navone First Interstate Mortgage Corporation c/o Callister and Associates, LLC 823 Las Vegas Blvd S Las Vegas, NV 89101 Certified Receipt Number: 7008 1830 0002 7959 5833 DATED this 29th day of March, 2010 By: Employee of the Division